

What is an AQA? How can you get involved?

AQA are an independent education charity. They provide academic qualifications taught in our schools and colleges. AQA are also responsible for setting and marking many of the GCSEs and A-levels papers each year.

The AQA Unit Award Scheme (UAS) is a unique recording of achievement scheme, rather than a qualification. It offers everyone the opportunity to have their achievements formally recognised - no matter what this is, how old they are, how long it takes or how small the learning step might be.

The AQA UAS and qualifications are highly valued by employers, colleges and universities.

Hampshire Fostering Network (HFN) has selected 23 of the AQA units from the UAS that focus on the 5 key areas needed for young people preparing for independence;

- Finance
- Cooking & Hygiene
- Personal Development
- Household
- Health

HFN have created accompanying worksheets for each unit to make the learning outcomes as clear and achievable as possible for the young people, with the support of the carer or key worker.

All the units are freely available to download and print straight from our website along with information of the process to follow when completing and submitting the young person's work. The young person can complete as many units as they would like.

Once the unit of work is completed, submitted and officially checked by the AQA assessor, the young person will receive a certificate of their achievements.

Via our website you will also be able to access support from our team; online, telephone, face to face or through our Facebook page (Facebook support is only available for registered HCC foster carers).

If you would like to share this information with other foster carers and young people, then please download our [AQA Flyer](#)

For more information or if you have any questions, then please contact our HFN AQA Life Skills Co-Ordinator - [Beth McGinn](#)